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1. I AM PLEASED MR. BERGOLD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MILITARY ON DPC MEETING. BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT DECISION NOT TO OFFER BRIEFING BY HIGH LEVEL STATE OFFICIAL ON NAC MEETING MAY BE MISINTERPRETED BY SPANISH.

2. PERIODIC VISITS OF RANKING STATE OFFICIALS FOLLOWING NAC HAVE COME TO BE ACCEPTED AS CLEAR EXPRESSION OF US SUPPORT FOR SPANISH INVOLVEMENT WITH NATO. SUSPENSION OF THIS PRACTICE AT THIS POINT MAY WELL BE VIEWED AS SING OF DECLINE OF US INTEREST.

3. SPANISH SHOWING KEEN INTEREST AT THIS TIME IN ATLANTIC CHARTER PROPOSALS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE EAGER FOR REPORT ON NAC DISCUSSIONS. IN VIEW OF BREVITY OF SECRETARY'S VISIT AND LIMITED TIME FORESEEN TO DISCUSS ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENTS IN DETAIL, BELIEVE THERE IS LITTLE RISK OF US OVEREXPOSURE AS FAR
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AS SPANISH ARE CONCERNED.

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4. I URGE THEN THAT SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL STATE OFFICIAL,
SUCH AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL OR AMBASSADOR
RUMSFIELD, COME HERE TO BRIEF SPANISH AS SOON AS REASONABLY
POSSIBLE AFTER NAC MEETING.
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